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WE HAVE DELETED PENULTIMATE PARAGRAPH FROM

DELEGATION'S PRESS BACKGROUNDER IN VIENNA 8581. WE ALSO REACHED NETHERLANDS REP QUARLES BEFORE HIS PRESS CONFERENCE AND REVISED HIS STATEMENT CONTAINED IN VIENNA 8870 SO THAT OLD PARAGRAPH 8(C) IS DROPPED AND REPLACED AT QUARLES' SUGGESTION BY BEGIN QUOTE PROGRESS IN MBFR NEGOTIATIONS WOULD BE AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO DETENTE IN EUROPE. END QUOTE. QUARLES ADDED TO HIS WRITTEN STATEMENT DISTRIBUTED TO THE PRESS FOLLOWING LANGUAGE CONCERNING EASTERN POSITION: BEGIN QUOTE: I SHOULD ALSO LIKE TO SAY A FEW WORDS ABOUT THE EASTERN STATEMENTS. WE DO NOT WISH TO COMMENT ON THEM IN DETAIL AT THIS TIME PRIOR TO STUDY. BY AND LARGE WE FIND THEM POSITIVE IN TONE AND INDICATIVE OF THE SERIOUSNESS WHEREWITH THE EASTERN COUNTRIES ARE APPROACHING THESE NEGOTIATIONS. IN GENERAL, THE EASTERN STATEMENTS EXPRESS APPRECIATION OF THE CONSTRUCTIVE SPIRIT IN WHICH THE PREPARATORY TALKS WERE CONDUCTED AND THEY UNRESERVEDLY ACCEPT THE PROCEDURAL ARRANGEMENTS ON MAY 14TH AND THE FINAL COMMUNIQUE OF JUNE 28TH AS THE FRAMEWORK AND BASIS OF OUR NEGOTIATIONS. THE CONCEPT EXPRESSED IN THE EASTERN STATEMENTS WITH REGARD TO THE AREA TO WHICH REDUCTIONS SHOULD BE RELATED CORRESPONDS TO THAT OF THE WEST, WITH THE EXCEPTION THAT NO REFERENCE WAS MADE BY THE EASTERN STATES TO THE OPEN ISSUE OF HUNGARIAN PARTICIPATION. SOME SUBSTANTIVE CONCEPTS HAVE BEEN ADVANCED BY THE EAST WHICH DIFFER FROM OURS. THESE UNDOUBTEDLY WILL HAVE TO BE CAREFULLY STUDIED, AND IT WILL BE UP TO THE NEGOTIATORS TO TRY AND WORK OUT SOLUTIONS ACCEPTABLE TO ALL. END QUOTE. HUMES

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